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SUBJ: KIM IL SUNG TRAVELS

1. AMB LEE BUM SUK CALLED ON ME TODAY ACCOMPANIED BY CHARLES ELSEY, HEAD OF AMERICAN RED CROSS. AMB LEE, WHO HEADS SOUTH KOREAN RED CROSS DEL TO CURRENT BELGRADE RED CROSS CONFERENCE, SAID HE HAD BEEN ISSUED A YUGOSLAV VISA IN GENEVA ONLY AFTER KIM IL SUNG HAD DEPARTED. LEE WAS TO ATTEND CENTENARY CELEBRATION OF YUGOSLAV RED CROSS BUT WAS UNABLE TO DO SO, APPARENTLY BECAUSE OF KIM'S PRESENCE IN YUGOSLAVIA. (LEE NOTED IN PASSING THAT YUGOSLAVS HAD GIVEN HIM A DIPLOMATIC VISA IN HIS DIP PASSPORT WHICH IS AN APPARENT DEPARTURE FROM PREVIOUS YUGOSLAV PRACTICE.)

2. LEE WAS INTERESTED IN PURPOSES OF KIM'S TRIP. I INFORMED HIM THAT MEMBER OF FSFA INTL ORGANIZATIONS DEPT RESPONSIBLE FOR NONALIGNED AFFAIRS HAD EARLIER TOLD ME TODAY HE BELIEVED KIM HAD GONE TO PEKING TO SEEK SUPPORT FOR MORE AGGRESSIVE ACTIONS AGAINST ROK BUT THAT PEKING HAD REJECTED THIS. I RECEIVED IMPRESSION FROM HIM THAT YUGOSLAVIA WAS NOT SYMPATHETIC TO ANY AGGRESSIVE NORTH KOREAN ACTIONS. I NOTED THAT TITO IN

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SEVERAL PUBLIC STATEMENTS DURING KIM VISIT HAD REFERRED TO

SUPPORT FOR "PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF KOREA" AND ADDED IT WAS
FSFA OFFICIAL'S IMPRESSION THAT KIM HAD COME PRIMARILY FOR SUPPORT
OF MEMBERSHIP IN NONALIGNED MOVEMENT.

3. AMB LEE SAID IT WAS HIS GOVT'S OPINION THAT A PRINCIPAL
REASON FOR KIM'S TRIP RELATES TO DOMESTIC NEEDS. HE REFERRED
TO THE RAPID DEVOLUTION OF POWER TO KIM'S SON AS WELL AS THE STATE-
MENT BY CZECH AND POLISH MEMBERS OF THE NNSC THAT KIM SUFFERS FROM
A CANCER ON THE NECK AND THAT HIS HEALTH IS FAILING/: LEE ALSO
NOTED THE SEVERAL NORTH KOREAN ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

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